

Attitudes of the Heart

#### Generosity

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Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. **Proverbs 4:23 NIV** 

Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21 NIV

One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. **Proverbs 11:24 NIV** 

God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7b NIV

# My Generosity is Easy When . . .

## 1. I own nothing.

Jesus, seeing that [the rich young man] had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness thereof, the world and all who dwell therein. **Psalm 24:1 BSB** 

## 2.1 am rich.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

#### Psalm 37:16 KJV

Did not God choose the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?

#### James 2:5b LSB

Whether . . . the world, or life and death, or the present and the future. Everything belongs to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. **1 Corinthians 3:22-23 NLT** 

## 3. I practice it.

Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

# In a loud voice they were saying: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" **Revelation 5:12 NIV**

...Abraham gave a tenth part of all. **Hebrews 7:2a KJV** 

## 4.1 remember the reward.

Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

## Matthew 6:20 ESV

You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "

## Acts 20:35b NLT